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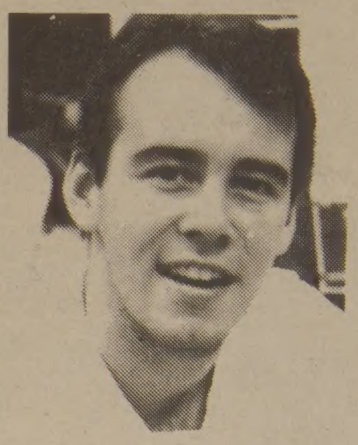


College Council convenes

By ERIC BEYER
Staff Writer

The new College Council, despite many absentees from its inaugural meeting, got off to a spirtited start on Tuesday.

Members from all walks of the Niagara College community collected in Hamilton Room about 4:30 p.m. to voice their concerns in a relaxed atmosphere. When it came to determining the first agenda for the next meeting, there were too many suggestions.

In his last function as steering committee chairman, Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, presided the council. The council chairman will be elected at the next meeting, Dec. 13.

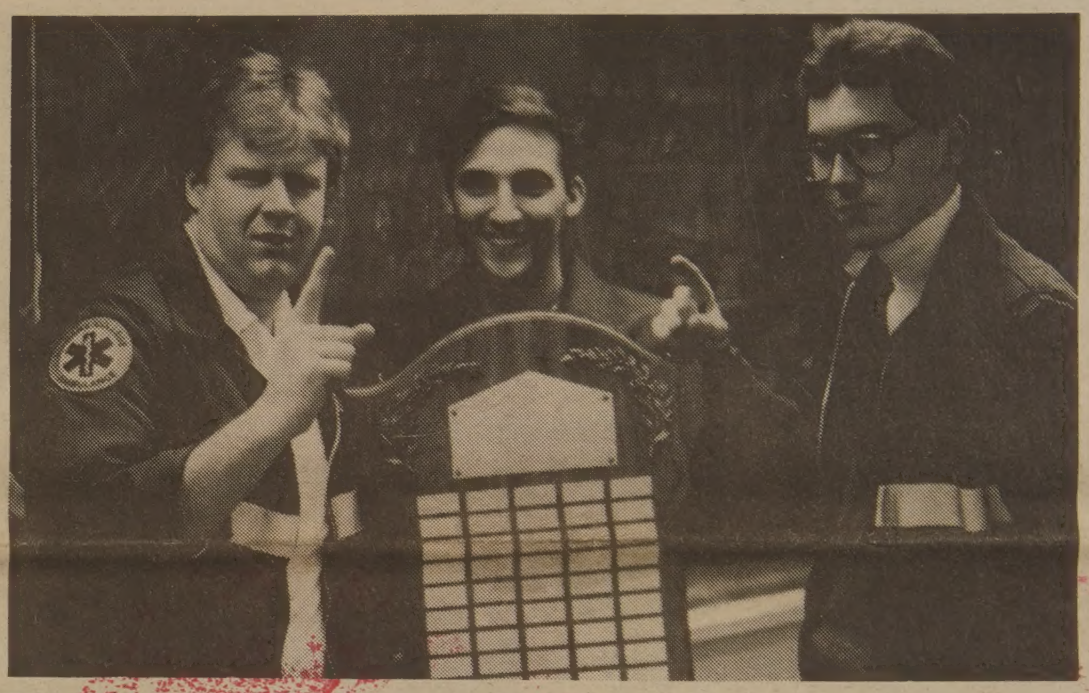
Dr. Knowles said there were two objectives for council to reach in the first meeting — to solidify membership and elect executives. Another important accomplishment was putting together the next meeting's agenda.

To solidify membership Dr.Knowles took attendance — finding out who was absent and which positions had not yet been filled. Five student positions remain vacant, and one support staff position is open — formerly held by Jule Paisley-Elliot, who resigned.

Dr. Knowles lightly said he was in a "dilemma" after council rejected the idea that the four executive positions be elected at that meeting. Faculty member Tom Fraser was the first to suggest that executive not to be elected at the meeting until members know each other better.

Faculty member Ed Fox suggested a social gathering at which members could get to know each other. This idea was accepted and the time of 4 p.m. Nov. 22, the Tecumseh lounge was agreed upon. Nominations remain open until voting day commences at the next meeting. At the social gathering each nominee will give a short speech.

The tentative agenda agreed upon for the next meeting includes the timetable structure of the college day; credit transfers among various institutions; parking; student facilities, including a residence, and enhancing the college's image.



We're number one

Three students from Niagara's ambulance and emergency care program pose with the Corpsuckle Cup which they have won six consecutive times. The plaque is presented to the program which has the highest precentage of its students donate blood at the annual Red Cross blood donor clinic. Last year 68.7 per cent of ambulance and emergency care students donated blood which was 10 times the average for the entire college population. Pictured from left to right are ambulance and emergency care students Mark Kuchling, Tim Kares and Bruce Secord. This years clinic will be held on Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Photo by Bernie Puchalski

Approval of smoke-free policy 'value judgment', Malone says

By FRAN YANOR
Staff Writer

The proposal to implement a new smoke-free policy in the college for September 1989 was essentially a "value judgment," Dennis Malone, chairman of communications, social services and general studies, said in an interview last week.

A member of the Joint Academic/Administration Operations Committee — the groups that voted in favor of the policy — Mr.Malone said the final decision to support a totally smoke-free environment was relatively easy. With all the financial problems surrounding the college the committees decided the money, "should be spent on the educational process, not on renovations." The astronomical dollar figure attached to refurbishing the smoking areas forced them to make a "judgment call."

Despite the practical reasoning behind the decision, a random sampling of students' opinions revealed overwhelming opposition to its inflexibility. Most were perplexed as to why a compromise could not be reached instead.

NOT IN FAVOR

"If they're going to put in a smoking policy they should designate areas, not ban it altogether," Jennifer Lepiane, first-year Social services student, said. Third-year electronic technology student Carmen Tremonte was of the same mind. "I think it's wrong. If people want to smoke, they should have a right to smoke."

Non-smoker Roy Rodgers, first-year human relations student, agreed with the policy but has serious doubts as to how closely it will be complied with by students. "I agree with it 100 per cent, but I don't think it's going to work. I think people are going to smoke where ever they want."

Fellow human relations student, Diane Cloutier agreed. "I'll probably smoke anyways. I wouldn't go outside in the wintertime. People aren't going to go outside for a cigarette."

FAVORS IT

Fred Jason, electronical technology student, is in favor of the policy. "Non-smokers should be able to breathe the same air that farmers breathe. I think smoking is a disgusting vile habit."

Stephanie Rosiana, a first-year social services student, said, "I think there should be equal rights for non-smokers and smokers. It's a free country. If people who don't smoke don't like smokers then designated areas should be set up."

The policy went before the Board of Governors last night. If passed, it will be implemented in September of next year.

Conlon, Noren on Board

The two internal seats on the Board of Governors were filled Wednesday; both representatives were elected by acclamation.

Ivar Noren and Randy Conlon will represent the administration and students, respectively.

Mr. Noren, chairman of mathematics, office administration and part-time studies division, re-elected for another three years, was surprised to be elected by acclamation.

"I expected there would be other candidates," he said. "I thought there would generally be an interest to participate on the Board of Governors."

Randy Conlon, president of the Student Administrative Council and first-year radio and broadcasting student, had similar feelings.

CAN'T UNDERSTAND

"I'm not impressed in the fact that there weren't any students running for the position," Randy said. "I really don't understand why no one else ran when five students ran last year."

The Board of Governors planned an election for Nov. 22 to Nov. 24 to fill two internal positions as of Jan. 1.

"My main objective on the board will be to ensure the college's financial situation will be looked after," Mr. Noren said. "We have a deficit at the present time and this problem has to be overcome."

Randy believes as SAC president, he could only better represent the students.

"I've already met the hierarchy of the school and all the students know who I am," he said. "I'm easy to get hold of because I'm usually in the SAC office."

Randy is looking forward to serving on the board, calling the opportunity "a great experience."

"I understand I will be the only new member on the board; they know what they're talking about and I think they will be easy to work with."

Blood clinic Nov. 28

DRIVING THROUGH AUTUMN
You don't have to drive far out of Welland to capture the majestic beauty of a Niagara Peninsula autumn. This road winds through a remote valley just below Fonthill. It's a fun drive most of the year, but a 4 x 4 might be necessary in the depths of winter.
Photo by Blair Burgess

SAC decides to purchase $140 camera, $60 gavel

The Student Administrative Council decided to purchase a camera and gavel for the council.

The camera, a Minolta Freedom 100 costing $139.99, will be used to record SAC-sponsored events for the yearbook.

Group representative Rory MacKenzie suggested both purchases and was responsible for looking for the best quality at the lowest price and reporting to the Oct. 31 meeting.

Rory said the council should spend $60 on the gavel because,

"This is a business and we should run it like a business."

The motion passed unanimously.

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Letters to the Editor

Best wishes

Dear Editor:

It is a great pleasure for me to receive the Niagara News on a regular basis. It's interesting to read about the people and events at Niagara College.

The Journalism-Print program, through the vehicle of the Niagara News, continues its fine tradition of developing first class graduates for challenging careers in the field of journalism.

To the staff and students, I extend best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,
A.S. Manera
Senior Vice-President
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Niagara College president 1972-1978)

Good job !

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all staff and students for the splendid effort with respect to the 1988 10 26 Open House. From the areas that I had a opportunity to visit it was apparent that secondary school students were spreading out to learn about the various programs.

We also seem to have attracted a good number of counsellors and it is hoped that this will lead to a further information session with them early in the new year.

Again, many thanks for your contribution to another very successful Open House.

Tony Knowles
Vice-President, Academics

Visitors laud Open House

Dear Patty Faragali,

Thank you very much for hosting another successful Explore Niagara Open House.

We polled the students enroute home and they unanimously agreed that they had enjoyed the day, had learned a lot, and would recommend we offer this opportunity to next year's senior students.

We appreciate the amount of work that an open house of this magnitude entails, since we recently held one for parents of new students. Although small in comparison to your event, the planning and co-ordination took much time and energy.

Please convey our sincere thanks to Niagara College staff and students for a most informative and enjoyable day.

Sincerely,
Barbara Chadwick
West Park Secondary School
St. Catharines

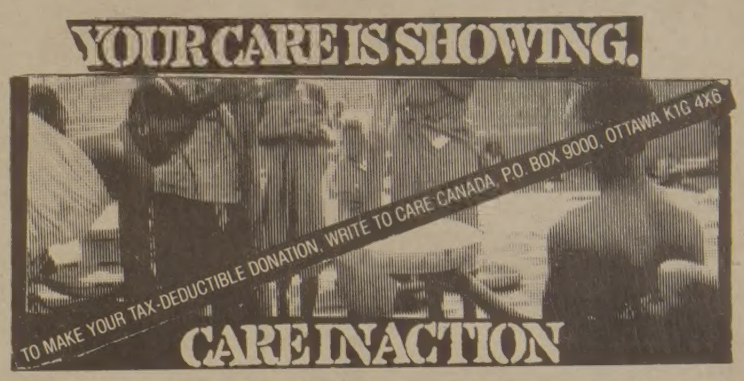
Rockin' letter

Dear Gail and Elaine

Thanks so much for the great article (Clevelend mirrors rock era, Oct.14). You both were very flattering and we're going to include it in all our press releases.

Thanks again to you for all your support.

Sincerely,
Polly Zaremba
"Clevelend"



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Hazardous parking brings wrath; illegally parked cars towed

By TRACY SCHILZ
Staff Writer

About 10 cars were towed away from the campus Monday and many other drivers found $10 parking tickets on their windshields for parking illegally.

"T-day has arrived — ticket and tow away day," Jack Spittle, manager of property and plant, said.

It will cost $30 to get a car back plus $6 a day for each subsequent day it is left in the lot.

"It pains me to think people have to put out so much money for a stupid habit," Mr. Spittle said. "It's absolute stupidity on the part of the drivers."

There are 2,702 full-time students attending Welland campus this year and 1,329 available parking spots around the campus, according to information from student services and plant and property. About 20 students take the school bus part-time and 87 students have bus passes.

Photo by Tracy Schilz

LACK OF SPACE

"Each year there are more cars than spaces for part of the week," Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said. "Our strategy... is to give students time to recognize the lack of space and make car pool or other arrangements."

The student and available parking statistics don't include faculty or people who walk to school, ride the bus, or come by car pools.

"There is all kinds of parking; parking lot A usually has empty spots," Mr.Spittle said.

However, Monday and Tuesday of last week a Niagara News reporter who walked around the campus parking lots, discovered there were no available parking spots. And when one became available another car quickly pulled into it.

Monday, a girl was in the plant and property office because "she couldn't find a parking spot" and was concerned she would be towed away, Gary Guzda, from property and plant, said.

Mr.Spittle said the Voyageur Wing is "a hazardous area" with the road curving around the building and the congested parking. Pedestrians are put in jeopardy by illegally parked cars.

"People can see they are creating a hazard; pedestrians must walk out from between parked cars."

People park in fire lanes and though in the past it has not created a hazard for fire trucks, it could, Mr. Spittle said.

Some people resort to parking on the grass, but they just make matters worse because the lawn has to be repaired in the spring. Mr. Spittle saw one man park on the grass "and he didn't even look for a parking spot."

Arrangements for car pooling are "almost impossible," Donna Flutur, Student Administrative Council office manager, said. The students just put their own advertisements up on the ride bulletin board which is across the hall from the SAC office.

End of an era

The end of an era in the Journalism-Print program — manual typewriters move over, here comes the computer age! Ralph Mancuso loads a dolly with a dozen or more archaic machines to make space for modern electronic typewriters, memory writers and mini computers, just like the real world. The image of the "hunt and peck" newswriter in a smoke-filled newsroom will remain just that — a memory. The modern age of technology is finally making its way into the Niagara News. Now if we only had some electrical receptacles to plug them in.... Photo by Gail Atkinson

Proposes $5 increase

A $5 increase in the student activity fee, which is included in tuition fees, is being considered by the Student Adminstrative Council.

Randy Conlon, SAC president, feels the fees should increase in order to aid in getting funds to build a student centre, to help the Ontario Community College Student Presidents' Association, he told Monday's council meeting.

He has asked Peter Rylander if as increase in the fee would be of any assistance to the finances of the athletic department.

The present student activity fee is $70 of the $740 tuition.

A SAC committee has been formed to consider the question.

If the SAC executives agree on the increase, it must then be taken before the Board of Governors before it can come into effect.

Push to retain students

Members of the college community have been appointed to the student retention program headed by Fred Habermehl, executive dean.

From the administrative group are Robert Baddeley, chairman of allied health and preschool education; Candace Paris, a manager of continuing education services; and Dennis Malone, chairman of communications, social sciences and general studies. Wayne Ferry, teaching master for business administration operations management program, and Hans Miethig, co-ordinator of the construction, engineering — architecture program, represent faculty, while Penny Arsenault from counselling was chosen to represent the support staff.

The group, who have met once so far, is researching "methodologies" of admission, Mr. Habermehl said.

'Bite bullet'

President supports no smoking proposal

Jacqueline Robarts believes Niagara College "must bite the bullet and make the college smoke-free."

In an interview last week, the college president said it is the responsibility of the school to create an environment where people can work and not be overcome with smoke.

"I think we have to keep up with the times," she said, responding to a plan to ban smoking within the college. "From a health point, when there is statistical data explaining the dangers of smoking, it is difficult to support anything that will help people kill themselves."

A policy to eliminate smoking within the college walls proposed by a smoking committee was to be presented to the Board of Governors last night.

NEED TO EDUCATE

She said that it is the college's responsibility as an educational institution to re-educate the dangers associated with smoking.

Recognizing "a lot of people will be upset," Miss Robarts said she supports the proposal from a health point of view.

"I sympathize with smokers; I know it will not be easy for these people and we must be ready to give them support, but we must consider the non-smoker."

She said she had "no idea how the Board of Governors would vote" on the controversial issue.

Vision 2000

Committees to study college structure

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writer

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, foresees a specialized system of college education by the year 2000, and hopes a provincewide review of the college system, Vision 2000, agrees.

"By the year 2000, colleges won't be able to duplicate programs all over the province," she said. "Instead there will be more program specialization, leaving us with centres of excellence."

The review, launched by Minister of Colleges and Universities Lyn McLeod, consists of a steering committee of educators, employers, students and government representatives. The committee includes former Niagara College president Anthony Manera.

"Vision 2000 will ask the question, 'What should the college system look like in the year 2000 and how do we get there from here?' " said Mrs. McLeod.

IS INEVITABLE

Miss Robarts said that specialization is inevitable because of budgets.

"At the present rate, by the year 2000 education and health programs will be taking a much larger share of tax dollars," she said. "We must look at ways to deliver education more economically. The duplication of programs has left colleges with outdated equipment."

Ill-equipped colleges can be a liability for students who will be competing for highly specialized jobs, especially if free trade becomes a reality.

The review will also look at the possibility of combining college and university programs. Miss Robarts supports this idea.

"Students that go from college to university aren't getting credits for their courses," she said. "It's frustrating for them — it's almost like starting over. It is time that credits should be made transferable."

Miss Robarts is pleased the review is also studying ways to bridge the gap between high schools and colleges. She said high schools are not putting enough emphasis on teaching the basics, especially English skills. "We end up having to re-teach a lot of the basics."

ANOTHER GOAL

Another goal of the review is to find ways for colleges to work hand in hand with business. Miss Robarts said that results can be rewarding for local economies of college cities, such as Welland.

"Our micro-electronics course is unique in all of Canada," she said.

Miss Robarts hopes the review's study of increasing accessablity for women, ethnic minorities and handicapped will set an example for the rest of the community. "We are an instrument of public policy."

If the review fully supports program specialization, the job security of college teachers could be threatened.

Joan Hastings, president of Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 242, the one that represents Niagara College teaching staff, said that consolidation of programs at certain colleges would require teacher transfers. She said the union is concerned teachers could lose seniority if moved to another college.

The review, slated to be complete by the end of 1989, will not depend solely on expert testimony on which to base its recommendations. Vision 2000 study teams will be visiting every one of Ontario's 22 community colleges to solicit input from all members of the college community.

Editorials

Give of yourself

The human race has proven time and time again that it is the most selfish specie on earth. Is it any real surprise most of us fail to donate blood on a regular basis, or even at all? Do people feel invincible and assume they will never need a transfusion, or are they thoughtless and uncaring?

A simple act which takes such little time and effort yet does so much good, continues to be shunned by the majority of the population. Someday, when someone you know lies dying waiting for a blood transfusion, will you realize the significance of this unselfish act?

It is no coincidence that ambulance and emergency care students donate 10 times as much blood as the rest of Niagara's population. They are joining a profession in which they will see accidents which people assume will never happen to them.

If you never deposit any money in your bank account, how can you expect to make a withdrawl. Similarily, how can a person honestly expect there to be blood available for them in their hour of need, when they have continually failed to do their share?

Bernie Puchalski

Parking problems

Once again autumn is upon us and the almost naked trees indicate the season is half over. Mother Nature has that instinctive ability to foresee the future — her saplings prepare for the cold days to come.

It's too bad Niagara College doesn't have that same ability to foresee the future, especially with such strong repercussions from the past — the school needs another parking lot.

Problems with illegally parked cars around the campus have been reported in the Niagara News at least since 1976 and the procedure has been almost the same: warnings posted on cars, followed by parking tickets and the threat to tow.

Here it is 1988 and illegal parking is still a problem dealt with by posted warnings, followed by tickets. But for three years now cars have been towed away at the owners' expense.

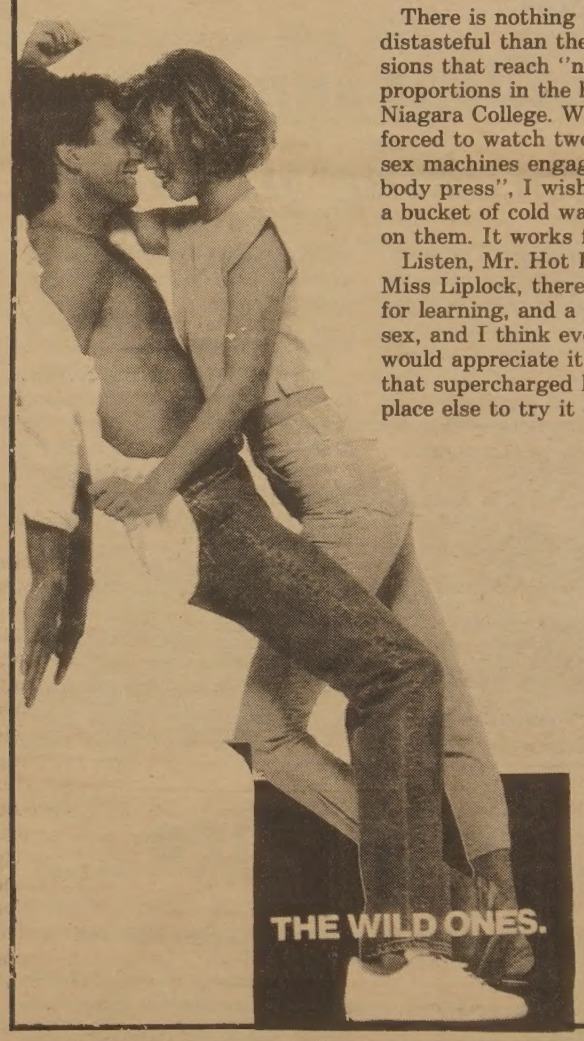
Is this remedy fair when there are 2,702 full-time students attending the Welland campus this year and only 1,329 available parking stalls?

Paid parking could generate revenue for the college. Maybe it's time to think of building a new, paid, parking lot.

Tracy Schilz

Bullpit

Young lovers go home hall not for passion



By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

There is nothing more distasteful than the petting sessions that reach "near sex" proportions in the halls of Niagara College. When I am forced to watch two over-active sex machines engaged in a "full body press", I wish that I had a bucket of cold water to throw on them. It works for dogs.

Listen, Mr. Hot Hips and Miss Liplock, there is a place for learning, and a place for sex, and I think everybody would appreciate it if you took that supercharged libido some place else to try it out.

C'mon on now, kids, I realize that "tender, young love" is hard, but there is an alternative to making the rest of us sick to our stomachs. Do what any respectable teenager would do — take the car out in the back-40 and park it; or wait until mom does the shopping, and go ruffle her "queensize" for the afternoon. That way I don't have to feel like a voyeur while you blend saliva in the lounges and hallways. Believe me, you two are the only ones who are being aroused.

You resemble participants in a sexual wrestling match: "Juicy" Lucy Liplock pitted against Hector Hot Hips. All your act is missing is an announcer to cover the play by play.

So, Honey Bun, Huggy-bug, Loveykins, Snookums, and Sweet Cheeks, it's time to stop taking half-measures. Go all the way — all the way home.

Your actions make your partner look cheap, and they make you look foolish. Show a little respect for yourself and your boy/girlfriend. Remember, you have only been apart for 55 minutes, so there is no reason to walk from the classroom and proceed to crazy-glue yourselves together in the corner.

There are other ways for insecure people to "stake their claims" on each other in public. Why don't you try one of them.

Lest we forget...

Silence is golden

By ANNE HOFSINK
By Staff Writer

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses row on row...

In two world wars this century, 102,703 Canadian men and women died for the peace and freedom of this country. Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, is the day to remember and honor them.

That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

The day for the most part goes by unnoticed. Adults go to work, and the children go to school. The veterans and families who lost a family member or friend remember this day. As time goes marching on there will be fewer veterans and fewer family members to remember.

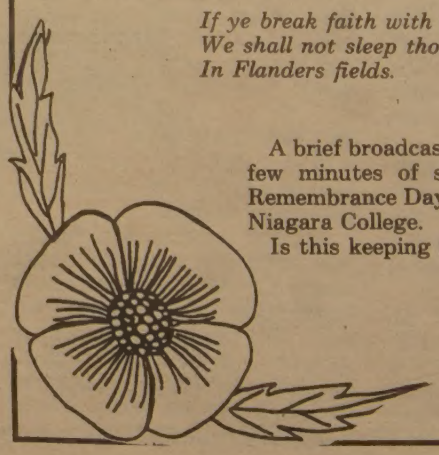
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

The lonely sentinel plays the sobering and haunting Taps during the ceremony at the Cenotaph. Looking at the veterans, as the wreaths are laid down, you can see the sorrow, pain, and memorable moments fleeting across their faces.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high:

Imagine at our age going to fight the enemy, not truly yours but who one day could be. Imagine being injured or killed! At first the sentiment is strong but as years go by, not much attention is paid to those who laid down their lives for their country, their people; for the peace and freedom of other countries, other people. If we neglect to pay attention, we will forget. When something is forgotten, it tends to be repeated.

If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



A brief broadcast over the radio and a few minutes of silence: that is what Remembrance Day has come down to at Niagara College.

Is this keeping faith?

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Blood transfusions keep river of life flowing

By TERRY MOORE
Staff Writer

Most people take their blood for granted; but not Aleksey Romanov, the last Tsarevich of Russia. Most people have little appreciation for the wonders blood performs every minute, every second; but not Aleksey, who once bled profusely after just a bumpy carriage ride.

Aleksey Romanov was a hemophiliac, a bleeder.

It has only been within the last 30 years that blood transfusions have been considered to be safe. Second World War casualties resulted in a drastic increase in blood transfusions. About the same time, the Red Cross proposed that blood transfusions be offered free.

After collection, it takes about 45 members to process the precious liquid. The blood is first typed into one of four major blood groups and then centrifuged to separate red blood cells from plasma. Next, it is processed again through a centrifuged to separate platelets and cryoprecipitate — a clotting substance used to treat hemophiliacs.

Performed

The sensitive Coombs test is performed to reveal the presence of certain blood group antigens, such as toxins, enzymes and proteins. If the tests are negative, the blood is is sent to the blood bank, but if they are positive, further testing is done.

Besides transfusions, blood is used for complete blood exchanges — requiring about 5½ quarts — surgery and artificial kidney operations. Blood must be crossmatched to ensure compatibility of donor-recipient blood.

Red cells separated from donated blood are used to treat anemia, and diseases of the kidneys and liver.Red cells treated to remove antigens are used for frequently-transferred patients who've become allergic to many blood types. Platelets, used to control bleeding, are also used for those with low platelet counts. Also extracted are the white cells so vital to the immune system. Plasma, storable for several months, is used in treatment of shock, for cronic albumin disorders, to help restore damaged tissues, and to combat infectious diseases.

The development of blood transfusion techniques has not only extended the lives of hemophiliacs, but it has also resulted in the production of many other useful blood products. Fibrin foam, for example, is produced to control bleeding during operations; solutions of fibrogen are used in the treatment of conditions affected by the lack, or disappearance of, fibrogen.

Cancer

Those who've had cancer, syphilis, or serum hepatitis or those on medication or suffering from a cold are forbidden to give blood. The healthy between 18 and 65 can donate once every three months. Thanks to the generosity of donors and the miracles of medicine, just one pint of blood helps to save or prolong the lives of up to 10 people.

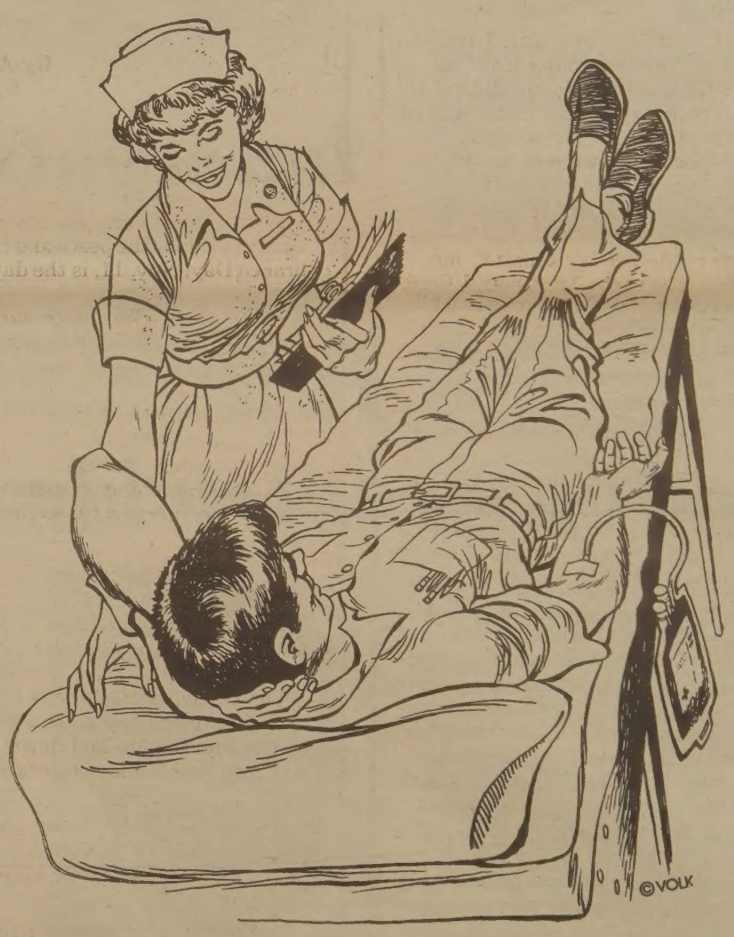
FOCUS On Blood Clinic

Ambulance class effort in vein

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

In the same way the Edmonton Oilers dominate the Stanley Cup, ambulance and emergency care students reign over the Corpsuckle Cup. The cup is awarded to the class which donates the most blood at the annual Red Cross blood donor clinic.

This year's clinic will be held on Monday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the college gymnasium. Organizers are hoping to exceed the best blood clinic of 366 pints donated by 14.4 per cent of Niagara students in 1978-79.



Captured

For the past six years ambulance and emergency care students have captured the Corpsuckle Cup. They were part of the 8.3 per cent of the Niagara students who gave 275 pints at last year's clinic.

SAC SPONSORS IT

The SAC sponsored event has been so successful in the past, Red Cross officials are worried students waiting in long lines will have a decrease in blood sugar levels, Gene Maltais, political science instructor and cup founder, said.

The history of the trophy is almost as exciting as the Stanley Cup's storied past. The original cup cost Mr. Maltais 15 cents and was mounted on a painted antifreeze can. The winning classes were written on a Band-Aid and pasted on the cup.

Intrigue

In an occurence reminiscent of international intrigue, the cup was stolen by persons unknown. Mr. Maltais said Jackie Robarts, college president, stepped in and began presenting a plaque to the winning program.

The ambulance and emergency care students are the Gretzkys of blood donation. In 1985-86 an amazing 94.4 per cent of students in the program gave blood. Last year their total dropped to 68.7 per cent but if everyone gave at this rate the 1987 total would have reached an astounding 2,250 pints.

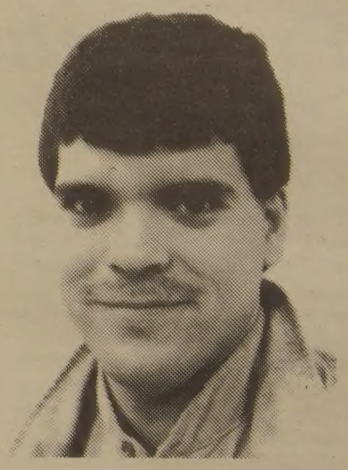
Blood saved them

By MARGARET BOAL
Staff Writer

Sixty-eight thousand units of life-saving blood were distributed to Niagara Pennisula hospitals last year by the Canadian Red Cross Society headquarters in Hamilton.

It is important for people to donate blood; it could save someone's life. At Niagara College there are a number of students who owe their lives, or those of someone close to them, to people who have donated blood — they have all received life-saving blood transfusions.

Chris Naughton, a 21-year-old computer technology student, is one of those thankful people. Chris was born with a condition called blood incompatibility; his blood was the wrong type for his system. At two weeks of age he was given a total blood transfusion. Chris would have died if the blood neede for the transfusion had not been available.



CHRIS NAUGHTON

IRENE DROLET

Irene Drolet, a 33-year-old first-year educational resource and special needs student, has had two lifesaving transfusions. The first was shortly after birth. Irene was an Rh factor baby; her mother had negative blood and her father had positive. The two Rh factors don't combine and a complete blood transfusion is necessary for survival. She spent 16 weeks in the hospital because of the possibility that the transfusion would be rejected by her system.

"It was touch and go for the first five years of my life," she said.

Lori Clayton, a first-year Health Records Technician student, owes her mother's life to people who donate blood. In 1986 her mother started bleeding internally from ruptured blood vessels in and around her stomach. In total, her mother received four transfusions including a major one requiring four to five pints of blood. Her mom is okay now but she would have died without a transfusion.

"My mother was perfectly healthy before; she had the flu and shortly after she started coughing up blood," she said. "Any serious situation could be waiting around the corner — you just don't know."

LORI CLAYTON

Donating blood

Contacting AIDS virus no risk

Blood and AIDS are commonly associated, but the fear of contracting AIDS by donating blood is unjustified.

"There is no way at all to contract AIDS by donating blood," Dr. Gerry Alexander, campus doctor said.

There are only three known ways of contracting AIDS and they involve sharing blood or body fluids

Blood donors "are not sharing blood;" they are "giving blood" and the Red Cross takes all the necessary "precautions to prevent any implications," Dr. Alexander said.

The Red Cross blood donor clinics use sterilized disposable needles for each individual donating blood, Anne Gallagher, clinic co-ordinator from Hamilton Blood Transfusion, said.

BLOOD TESTED

The blood gathered from "clinic runs" is taken to the Hamilton Centre where "all the blood is tested for AIDS and hepatitis," before it is then issued to hospitals, Mrs. Gallagher said.

With Christmas coming , more people are travelling which creates a higher incident of accidents and a greater need for blood.

This time of year Blood Centres "experience a shortage of blood." Hospitals can't operate "without a supply of blood and it comes from the donors."

Mrs. Gallagher advises donors not to take any aspirin before giving blood. She said having blood taken may make some people feel a little weak; so, for extra strength,"eat breakfast before donating blood."

Donuts, coke, orange juice and tomato juice is supplied by SAC and coffee is compliments of Versa for those who donate blood.

Lest we forget....

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'They were out to kill us'

By JULIE SLACK
Staff Writer

"War is never honorable." Ken Anderson, placement officer at the college, said. "It was something you wanted to forget. That period of your life is over."

At 18, he volunteered to join the Royal Canadian Navy. From 1942-1945, he was a gunnery lieutenant in charge of the guns crew on corvettes and destroyers. These ships acted as convoy escorts, mainly in the North Atlantic. The object was to go where the submarines weren't, try to avoid them, Mr. Anderson said.

He chose the navy because when he and a friend went to join the air force in Hamilton it was "jammed with people." He decided to go down the road to the navy where it wasn't crowded.

KEN ANDERSON

There were about 80 people on a corvette and the convoy had 12 to 50 ships together. The crew worked in watches, four hours on and four hours off. "You never got enough sleep." The sailors slept on hammocks that rocked with the waves and the officers slept in bunks.

"From a sailor's point of view, our worst enemy was the weather, not only the storms, but the fog." Waves sometimes reached 60 feet. The North Atlantic gale is the most frightening wind. Sailors aim their ship into the seas and hope it doesn't roll over. The boats would "roll on wet grass. They were very rough."

In the winter, the boats would freeze up and get top heavy. The fear of tipping over was worse in the winter than any other time, Mr. Anderson said.

One of the worst problems all sailors encountered was sea sickness. "I was always sick and never got over it. You think you're gonna die, then you wish you did."

Mr. Anderson joined the navy as an ordinary seaman and attended the King's College in Nova Scotia to become an officer. His first thought in the navy was "what the hell am I doing here?"

He recalls the Germans as the enemy. "That's the bottom line. They were out to kill us; we were out to kill them. That's the way it is in the army, navy and airforce." As soon as the war ended he had no ill feelings towards the Germans or towards their country.

"Our countries were in a struggle for survival. We were part of it, we had no choice." Every 18-year-old joined the navy, air force or the army. He recalls calling the people who stayed in Canada for service the Zombies.

The Canadians were welcomed by the British when they were on ship leave in the British ports. They were a distinctive service. At night they would "unwind," Mr. Anderson said. Ship leave was an opportunity to eat good food. The food on the ships was never satisfying. "At the time, we didn't feel like eating so it didn't matter."

Mr. Anderson does not believe conflicts in today's society will ever end in a world war because it would end civilization. "That is the deterrent."

He thinks it is important to have military presence but "hopefully they don't have to fight."

Remembrance Day is a private day for Mr. Anderson. "It's a reflective moment. I came from a small town where several young guys I knew never came back." It is unfortunate, "we don't think of those people enough."

Innocents risk lives for country's cause

Too young to drink or vote, they were old enough to fight. Innocents with rifles, they marched off to face an enemy who believed like them in the justness of their country's cause.

The Second World War was horrifying with an unprecedented death toll of 30 million. The slaughter knew no boundaries. Bombs, bullets, and death do not discriminate. A whole generation was threatened with extermination.

This is the story of four veterans who fought this war. A necessary job done in uncertain times has left them with a legacy of memories, good and bad. Let's remember with them and recall those who dared risk their lives for our freedom — and those who never came back.

Self-preservation comes first

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writer

Two sailors stand at the bottom of the only ladder that leads from the boiler room of a Canadian Navy destroyer. They are on convoy duty in the North Atlantic at the height of the Second World War.

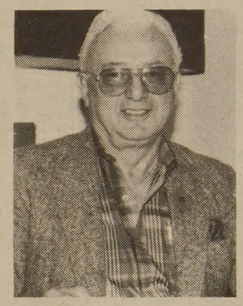
One asks the other, "If a torpedo hits us, who would be up the ladder first?" There's a pause. He pulls a gun and answers his own question. "I would."

That's a true story, one that Ed Krikorian, building operations supervisor, vividly recalls more than 40 years later.

Mr. Krikorian was the sailor who wouldn't have made it up that ladder - at least for a few days. He bought a gun himself and asked his friend the same question.

"Self-preservation comes first," he said of the incident.

Mr. Krikorian volunteered for the navy at the tender age of 17½ mainly because he had grown up around boats at Port Dalhousie.



ED KRIKORIAN

He served convoy escort duty on two ships, one a destroyer and the other a corvette. He's proud of his decision to help Canada in its time of need.

"When there's a war on, you've got to get out and protect your country. If you love a country, then you're part of it."

His ship would escort a convoy of supply ships halfway into the North Atlantic, where they would meet a convoy on its way to Canada. It was a dangerous job — there was the constant threat of U-Boat attack.

U-Boats infested the North Atlantic and at times dared to come up the St. Lawrence river in search of prey and, on a surprising note, fuel.

"Someone on the river was giving them fuel," he said. "There were lots of fuel barrels floating in the river. I still have no idea who it was."

Life aboard a corvette was rough. The boat was small and at times bounced through 60-foot waves in frigid North Atlantic storms. The men subsisted on a diet of powered food, which didn't bother Mr. Krikorian as much as he thought.

"I didn't eat that much anyhow - we were seasick so much of the time." He still looked forward to coming to a port where good food was available.

Once his ship was ordered to tow a captured German submarine to Halifax. His fellow sailors went aboard and proceeded to steal nameplates from the sub's instrumentation panels for souvenirs.

"When they tried to get the sub ready for a tow, they didn't know what valve was for what because of the missing nameplates." The German crew was happy to see their Canadian counterparts — they, too, weren't fed well; in fact, they were starving.

Mr. Krikorian holds no ill feelings towards the German people. "It's hard to hold a grudge. The German people didn't start the war. It was their leaders. You can't blame the whole population of Germany."

For Mr. Krikorian, the end of the European war came in the same place as the beginning of the American Revolution, just outside of Boston harbor.

"We were all so happy," he said.

His ship was diverted to Halifax harbor, where a huge end-of-war riot was taking place.

The real celebrations didn't come until three months later when the Japanese finally surrendered.

After the war, he stayed in the navy to clean up the mines that littered the Atlanctic ocean. He pursued a stationary engineer career.

Mr. Krikorian needs only to drive as far as Ontario Place to revive his war memories — the destroyer he served on, HMCS Haiti, is docked there, a silent reminder to Canada's freedom and the part he played in protecting it.

Putting head up meant sudden death

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writer

They crawled under wires, sheets of bullets whizzing overhead. Putting their heads up high meant sudden death. Charges blasted all around, spraying spouts of water and mud from nearby ponds.

Later in the day they marched 20 miles through thick forest with compasses as their only guide and then spent the night outside trying to stay warm in three feet of snow.

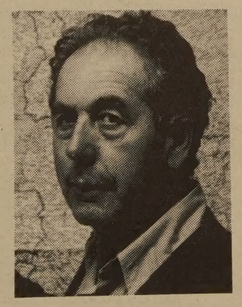
This was training for war — 10 per cent casualties were allowed and they hadn't even left for Europe.

The 3rd Division, 69th Battery of the Canadian Armed Forces, trained long and hard for the final phase of the Second World War, and Ed Thompson, the college's maintenence supervisor, was part of it.

Mr. Thompson trained at camps throughout Nova Scotia until he was old enough to enter the struggle in Europe.

"We were all anxious to get going," he said. "The training left me in the best shape of my life."

His first overseas assignment was to Whitley, England. His unit arrived during the final phases of the war, when Hitler had turned to the use of V-Rockets, better known as "Buzz Bombs" in a desperate attempt to turn the tide.



ED THOMPSON

"We could see them flying overhead and hear them buzzing," he said. "The English weren't afraid; they were very stubborn. There was no way they were going to give in — they'd already taken such a beating."

His unit was soon transferred to Belgium and Holland to aid in mopping-up operations — by this time most of the fighting was in Germany.

His first sight of Europe was from a boat that had taken his unit from Dover to Oostende, Belgium. The devastation of Europe began in the harbors.

"We had to thread our way through sunken ships."

The destruction was more graphic when he arrived in Arnhem, Holland, where Canadian paratroopers had landed and fought at the height of the reclamation of Europe.

"There were supply containers scattered everywhere along with burned out tanks and pieces of airplanes."

One memory that stands out is that of singing cowboys. They weren't from western Canada; they were German prisoners of war who had been educated in America and developed a love for country music.

Mr. Thompson's unit was in charge of guarding 20,000 German prisoners on 100 acres of land.

"The prisoners were well taken care of. They had their own offices and kitchens," he said. "The only thing keeping them there was a three-inch wide line of white tape on the ground. But they weren't going anywhere." He found the prisoners to be a friendly lot, who just wanted the war to get over with.

The people of Holland were thrilled with the Canadians who had liberated them. They showed their appreciation by inviting them for meals at a time when food was very scarce. Mr. Thompson still feels for the Dutch who suffered so much during the war.

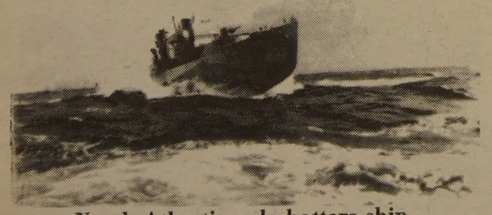
When the European war was finished in May, 1945, Mr. Thompson volunteered to fight in the Japanese phase of the war, but it all ended before he saw action.

He sees the American bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a necessary action.

"It saved a lot of lives," he said. "The war could have gone on for years. The Japanese were great fighters and would have fought to the last man," he said.

Mr. Thompson never wants to see war again, but he feels his experiences in the army left him with a sense of self-discipline which has helped him to achieve his goals in life.

He is now happy to have "the best job in the world."



North Atlantic gale batters ship

Women vital to war effort

By JULIE SLACK
Staff Writer

Men were not the only ones who served Canada in the Second World War. Essential behind-the-scenes work was accomplished by a very important service, the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

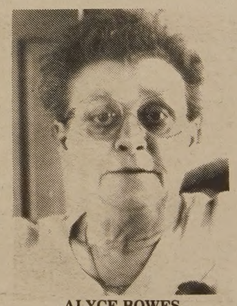
One of these women was Alyce Bowes, who retired two years ago as a counsellor at Niagara College's Wellandvale Campus after 19½ years at the college. Alyce joined the army when she was 20 because she felt she should serve her country in a time of need. Women were required to do "the essential things to keep the business running." That way soldiers could get to the front.

Alyce remembers the horrors that war brought to many lives. The destruction of buildings and homes where bombs had blasted made it hard to believe there was ever a structure in place. "You always had the feeling that these things cannot be happening."

"You know of the devastation and complete destruction of people's homes and lives," she said. "Many families will never see each other again."

She was impressed by how well different languages and different groups got along together during the war. They all got together to do a job.

On Remembrance Day, Alyce remembers the young men and women who went through the war. "There aren't a lot of us around. We each have our own thoughts. Unless you were there, you couldn't feel the way we do." Alyce recalls the horrible concentration camps. "Those thoughts never leave you. You see the stacks of bodies and it's hard to believe they were ever human."



ALYCE BOWES

"While the reality of war is still there, you try to get on with your job and your life in the service."

The war was a memorable experience, and in some strange ways even an enjoyable one.

Alyce served Canada in Holland, France, Germany, Belgium and a short time in Denmark from 1942 to 1945. While overseas, she lived with five or six other women in houses deserted by their owners because they feared the war.

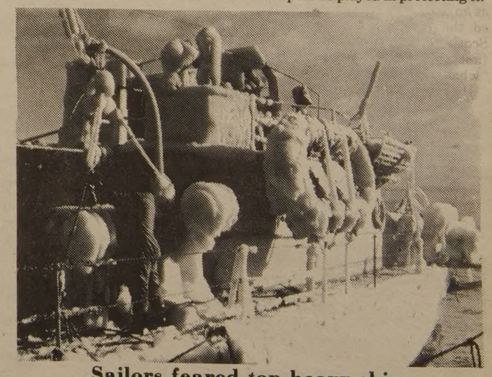
Alyce remembers one Monday morning. The women had to have carefully ironed uniforms ready to march in. Alyce finished pressing hers and placed the skirt on the bed so it would not get crushed, dressed in her blouse and tie and went outside to march. But — she had forgotten her skirt.

President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 24 in St. Catharines, Alyce is proud of her accomplishments. She will never forget her days in the war. Many women's memories of serving Canada in the army are put together in a book Athene that is available in the St. Catharines campus library. Alyce presented one of these copies to the campus several years ago.

When the war ended, Alyce was in Holland. "I was in a state of shock."

She was able to come back to Canada where she lived in Niagara Falls. She is living in St. Catharines now and enjoying her retirement.

The memories of war will always be a part of Alyce — "the good times and the scary ones."



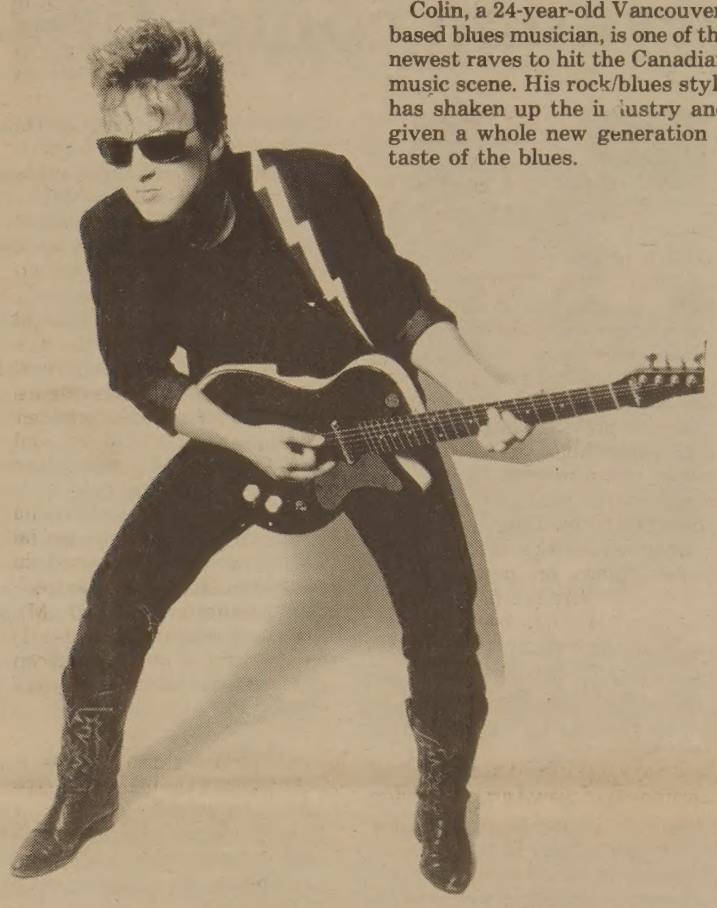
Sailors feared top-heavy ships

Entertainment

Colin James: Great white hope for the blues

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

There are a lot of new Canadian artists pouring out of the music industry these days, so many that it is difficult to name names. But one that is sure to be mentioned, is Colin James.



Colin and his band came to Welland Oct.19, bringing their blues show to the Aqua Duck. Still riding high from a whirlwind summer tour, a gold record and countless dates across Canada, Colin still managed to supply the 100-member audience with a fabulous show.

Colin, a 24-year-old Vancouver-based blues musician, is one of the newest raves to hit the Canadian music scene. His rock/blues style has shaken up the industry and given a whole new generation a taste of the blues.

The show began with a burst of lights and sound as Colin began singing tunes from his self-titled debut album on Virgin Records.

He performed almost every song on the album and included a variety of classic blues songs from his favorite blues musicians.

His voice is sweet and powerful with an incredibly wide vocal range. He is so talented that he frequently stops the band to sing unaccompanied, pouring his blues-ridden soul out to the audience, just Colin and his dynamic voice.

The only thing that may be better than his voice, if that's possible, is his ability to make the guitar come alive. Colin plays with such emotion: his eyes closed tightly, his face twisted by every string he plucks. His guitar solos were unbelievable; if they were rehearsed, you couldn't tell at all; it was as if he adlibbed all the soliloquies.

His soul became one with the instrument, his body writhing and head swaying, making the music come alive, playing as if each note would be his last. This is an art every blues musician tries to master — Colin James has succeeded.

Blues music is a catharsis of personal heart-breaks and failures and Colin managed to affect every audience member. He often roamed around the room, whailing on his guitar, sometimes playing directly to the concert goers.

The 90-minute set included an encore with a hilarious bit where Colin mimicked the great James Brown, collapsing to the floor in exhaustion but reaching down to find a little more energy, exploding once again with sound.

This "new" music seems to be slowly accepted by the Canadian audience and it is due to terrific hard work by Colin James.

"We have to fight hard," the handsome musician said. "We have to work real hard to turn the audience around when they're not responding. I'm trying to turn people onto the blues."

Colin's quest is going to be difficult because the music he truly loves, the blues, is considered uncommercial and radio stations are reluctant to touch it. They are already finding if difficult to categorize his music, so Colin makes concessions.

"I'm stuck between a rock and a hard place. If I concentrate solely on rock, I'm not developing the blues I enjoy. But if I concentrate on the blues, I'll be a purist and I don't want that. The music has to be radio accessible."

For this reason Colin made his album as varied as he did, including touches of pop rock, blues, soul, soft ballads, and even jazz.

"I was raised on folk music," Colin said. "I grew up as a Quaker kid going to folk festivals from ages 12-20. It was a great upbringing — those people adopted me."

His Saskatchewan upbringing was a blessing, allowing him to develop as a blues artist.

"It helped in a lot of ways. At the time I was the only guy playing the blues as aggressively as I was."

When he was 17 he toured and opened with George Thorogood and later was asked by Stevie Ray Vaughn to join his tour. Just last summer, Colin toured with Steve Winwood, and performed to responsive American audiences in Pittsburgh, Boston and New York City.

"I was raised on folk music," Colin said. "I grew up as a Quaker kid going to folk festivals from grass roots and get a personality of our own — hopefully the audience will follow.

"It's the only way to do it. You've got to see a lot of people and sell a lot of records."

Right now Colin is putting a lot into everything he does, and it shows. His record features four self-written songs: the hit single Voodoo Thing, the new single Five Long Years, the ballad Dream of Satin, and the solid blues tune Lone Wolf.

So remember the name Colin James — this guy is going to be the country's newest phenomenon.

He is going to be big!

The Underground

Pub digs band

By ANNE HOFSINK
and SHELLEY MOORE
Staff Writers

On stage The Underground are excellent musicians; off stage they are comedians of the same calibre. The four-member band gave a spectacular performance at the Atlas in Welland for Alcohol Awareness Week.

Although attendance at the pub Oct. 19 was disappointing, the band did not seem to notice as they danced and sang with enthusiasm equalled — if not surpassed, by that of the audience which was encouraged to take part.

"I'm not happy with the turnout, but everyone here is having a good time," Felix Lostracco, social convener, said. "But the turnout doesn't matter; we're doing this for the college and that's what matters!"

The Underground came back for an encore after the crowd chanted "more, more, more, more...." following the second set.

Tim Hawkes, lead singer and rhythm guitar, and Piero (pronounced the same as the car Fiero, but he said there was no relation) Amodeo, bass guitar and back-up vocals, started the band five years ago. But the present band has only been together for eight months, with Tim and Piero the only originals. Steve Smith, drums; and Willy MacAulay, lead guitar, are the two newest members.

The band commanded a lively stage presence with Suspicious Eyes and Blue Suede Shoes, by Elvis; Get Offa My Cloud, by the Rolling Stones; and Here Comes the Rain, by the Cult.

The Underground also did some of their own songs. They have a record coming out in January with Kick records, which led to the change in name. The name was originally The London Underground, but they felt there would be some controversy with London, England "It would be like we were taking the name," Piero said.

On top of the record they have a video coming out in a couple of weeks for one of their own songs — Longtime.

The band has 12 original songs and is "striving to be an original band."

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College teacher combines love of fine wine with business

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

Combining enterprise with keen desire and appreciation of situations or products is perhaps the most common goal of any personal venture. An uncommon trait is to truly love one's work — especially if one has two great jobs!

Craig McKay is an English teacher at Niagara College and a wine agent registered with the Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario. He and Beverly Langley, Niagara College nursing teacher, are partners in Duncan-Craig Wines & Spirits, representing wines and wineries from Portugal, Spain, Italy, France, California, New York and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"We sell to better restaurants (in Toronto and the Niagara region)...we took some of our wines to Canadian embassies and consulates...as of Oct. 15, vintage stores will retail our wines," Mr. McKay said.

Mr. McKay and Ms. Langley have succeeded in joining their love of the finer wines of life with a business venture that involves travel, tours, talks, fundraisers and gourmet dinners complete with slide shows. They know their wines and they know their winemakers.

Research, dedicated hard work, and personal involvement came with the inspiration to pursue the Duncan-Craig partnership. But you'd never know it was hard work talking with them. They love their wine and they love their work. "We've been friends for years," Ms. Langley said of the progression and developement of their "involvement with wine."

After intensive French immersion studies and extensive food appreciation courses, Mr. McKay travelled to France for further study at University of Nice in 1983. He explored picturesque postcard scenery in the south of France, always eager to venture further into the wholeness and uniqueness of regional wines and foods.

With three weeks of touring, tasting and research under his belt, Mr. McKay set up an educational food and wine tour in 1984. It was to become the first step in a long and exciting walk.

frustrating

They found it both frustrating and interesting that many of the wines they enjoyed in Europe were not available in Canada nor did local wine makers believe it possible to export to Canada. Their interest became their challenge; eight more months of research and Duncan-Craig Wines & Spirits was founded in 1985.

"The more we got into it, the more we liked it," Ms. Langley said. "It whetted our interest."

Back and forth to France to meet and negotiate with wine makers has kept Mr. McKay occupied for the last three summers. This past summer, he signed exclusive rights of representation with several estates while travelling in France simultaneously planning and organizing tours of the regions.

"The people we represent are our personal friends," Mr McKay said explaining the personal contact and annual visits to vintners.

In October, 1987, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the partners met Herbert Konzelmann whose family winery began in Germany in 1893. "Over a period of five months we visited, tasted and talked about his plans and ours," said Mr. McKay. Exclusive representation began last February.

If Duncan-Craig handles the business the way Mr. Konzelmann handles the grapes, their plans will be mutually profitable. Mr. Konzelmann earned recognition in 1986 for his Gewurztraminer, rated best in Canada.

Visual Arts Centre building bridges

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

Ken Cosgrove and his students have big plans for the Visual Arts Centre on Empire Street, and if the college and the community are ready, visual artists and designers will be appreciated and understood.

"We aren't over here painting pretty pictures,"Mr. Cosgrove, program co-ordinator, said. "I want to build bridges between us and the whole Niagara peninsula. It is essential that we let people know what we do here."

In 10 weeks, students and faculty have not only reached mid-term academic and practical curriculum, but they have transformed what Mr. Cosgrove called "chaos," into a bright, clean working facility for fine arts and design.

There is still the drawing studio with black walls which hinder true light on subjects of study and there are no atmosphere controlled environments for delicate equipment, according to faculty and students. Overhead lighting needs improving and there are still some holes in the ceiling where the rain gets in and the steady drone of drills echoes through the building.

But the reflection of fluorescent lights shines on newly waxed floors and there is a new sparkle. The driveway has been patched and the windows have locks. And now everyone has a desk!

The students are forming as Associated Student Artists and Designers. The group's constitution says it is aimed at increasing awareness of visual art and design and hopes "to better acquaint its membership with the industry, its principles and practices."

Resources will be available through a developed reference library focussing on trends in art and design. Another purpose will do to dispel the pre-conceived notions of artists and their industry. The students hope to inform the community at large about the involved education they undergo.

Mr. Cosgrove is all for it. "We must inform the public of the seriousness of it. (visual arts and design education) There is virtually nothing in this world today that has not been touched by designers."

Perpetuating quality education in the college system can only be achieved by qualified industry-experienced instructors, Mr. Cosgrove said.

"It's as much a learning process for me as it is for them," he said. "But try to con me and you'll find yourself out on your ear."

He expects nothing but the best effort from his students and is intentionally tough. He would never ask of them what he could not or would not do himself; he has experience and qualifications to give them the best of himself, so they may find their own personal best which is what the industry demands. With talent, reliability and confidence comes professionalism, Mr. Cosgrove said.

Professional attitude and conduct are constantly stressed in and out of the classroom and are principles of ASAD as well.

Membership will be open to all Niagara students with an interest in visual arts and design. For $5 per term, members will enjoy use of the reference library, equipment and facilities available to the club including trips to museums galleries and studios.

Transforming the centre has been one of many challenges faced by Mr. Cosgrove and his students in these 10 short weeks of the school year. If Mr Cosgrove is right about industry standards and community acceptance, it will not be the last challenge.

High hopes and hard work are parts of the positive planning on Empire Street at the Visual Arts Centre.

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Relief efforts net 258 cans

The $100 prize for donating the most food to the Jamaican relief fund will be given to the co-ordinator of the four winning students as a donation towards an accessory for a computer in their program.

John Aubry, Greg MacDonald, Tim Oosterhof and Mario Serianni, construction engineering technology — architecture students, gathered the 258 cans of food in the two weeks before the Oct.28 deadline.

The accessory will allow them to interpret engineering/construction drawings to get an accurate estimate of the ultimate cost of the building.

The contest was judged on the most total food donated to the relief fund for the Jamaicans, who were hit by Hurricane Gilbert in September.

Student Administrative Council president Randy Conlon said the four "won by a long shot!"

The fashion arts program initiated the contest when they challenged all other programs to bring food and SAC donated the prize money.

Nursing teacher dies

Aniamma Oomen, a nursing teacher at the Hotel Dieu Hospital for 19 years, died Nov. 5. She was 45.

Mrs. Oomen came to Canada in 1967 from Mallasary, India, after she graduated from the University of New Delhi with an honors bachelor's degree in nursing. That year she was hired by the St. Catharines General Hospital. In 1969 she was hired by the Mack School of Nursing, and when the centre transferred into the college in 1973 she became a teacher.

She is survived by her husband, Tharian; her son, Tobin; her mother and brother in India, and by four sisters, including Susan of Toronto.

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South for the winter

On a crisp, cool Autumn morning, this great laker is south bound in the Welland Canal at Allanburg. It is a busy time on the canal as ships clear the lakes before freeze up. Drivers crossing lift bridges can expect a 10 to 15 minute wait if they arrive in time to appreciate the smooth sailing of these homeward bound wonders on water. Photo by Theresa Boudreau

Marketing competition ranks students

A 12-member contingent of marketing and management students from Niagara will be in Kingston Nov. 17 and Nov. 18 to pit its skills against other colleges in the fifth annual Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition.

St. Lawrence College—Saint Laurent is host to the competition which will draw 150 contestants from more than 20 colleges across Ontario. Events will include merchandising mathematics, sales presentations, interview skills, problem solving, and a Reach For the Top style quiz bowl.

Members of the Niagara contingent include Darryl Doan, Daniel LaBelle, Lori Walters, Bernard Bergman, Paul Hill, Maria Casella, Scott Lambert, Kyle Robson, Peggy Timmerman, Chris Pizzacalla, and Darlene Hill. Faculty advisers are Robert Young and Dave Taylor.

The competition helps Niagara students see how good they are in relation to other colleges, Mr. Young said. Mr. Taylor said "students come away with a very positive image of their program at Niagara."

The students of Niagara are handicapped in the competition because other colleges devote "untold hours" to preparing , Mr. Young said. "From our point of view, preparation should be totally student driven."

This is completely different than other colleges who are really drilled by their instructors, Mr. Taylor said.

The preparation for the event has really been a group effort, Mr. Young said. "Half the class volunteered to go and the other half helps through support and practicing with the team. The students are holding various events to raise money and students are asked to contribute to fund this valuable experience.

Construction sites

Man's world no more

By THERESA BOUDREAU
Staff Writer

Scaffolds suspended 20 to 100 feet in the air, iron arms and iron buckets scattered about, one and two piece work suits topped by white and yellow acrylic hard hats — this is not a space shuttle awaiting blast off, but a construction site.

Dirty hands, hard work and dangerous equipment — many people would say this is no place for a woman to be, never mind to work at. However women in the Niagara College constuction engineering technology program disagree.

For Connie Tucker, one of five women enrolled, the program may be the challenge Connie Tucker is looking for in her life. The wife and mother of two, a four-year-old and a 10-month-old, wanted to do something more with her life.

Mrs. Tucker, a first-year student, is a university graduate with a BA in history; she owned a picture frame shop for five years, but became tired of it. She was brought up around construction, both she and her husband, and her father owned a construction company, so when she decided to go back to school, "someone suggested that I should take a construction course."

Mrs.Tucker and her husband have totally renovated their 130-year-old house in Wainfleet. After the three-year course is completed, Mrs.Tucker will work with her husband and they will become "equal partners in our Tucker Construction Company."

Ted Froeze, president of the construction club, shared his views on women in construction; "I see no problem with women in our program. When they graduate, there is no reason why they can not work along side men having the same education — as long as they have the right qualifications!"

A second-year student, Yves Mantha said: "Woman have the right to be in construction , so long as they are not sexist!"

Louise Smith, third-year student, has been interested in construction since the age of nine when her family built their own house.

The 35-year-old student was tired of working for someone else — she wants to work for herself.

Last summer Ms. Smith worked as a general laborer in the field at Cameron Contracting in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Her duties included blue print drawing, quantity surveying and hard labor digging. Ms. Smith said there was no discrimination on the job site because she was a woman. "I had to pull my own weight," she said.

She believes that, in some ways, women are more competent than men on the job site.

"Men are very messy and they waste a lot of material," she said. "When there is a woman on the job site, it is a lot cleaner and runs smoother."

Gordon Goulty, teaching master, said, "It's a pity there are not more women in technology... women have the ability to rise in the field of technology, and they can, and do successfully accept leadership roles in their chosen field."

Opinions 'traded' in hot debate between Crispo, Rae

BY MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

The Brock Theatre was filled to the rafters with tension on Nov. 2; the people were there to listen, learn and vent their emotions at the speakers who had come to debate the biggest issue in Canadian politics — free trade.

John Crispo, of the University of Toronto faculty of management, and Bob Rae, Ontario member of provincial parliament and NDP leader, engaged in a lengthy and heated argument for and against the issue, at times resorting to humor, insult, and raised voices to sell their viewpoints to the crowd and the country. Channel 11 was there to tape the debate in its entirety.

Dr. Crispo, who spoke in favor of the deal, blamed the CBC and the opposition for the "unbelievable scare mongering" used to sway the Canadian public away from the deal. Mr. Crispo said that under a free trade agreement "there are more winners than losers, and the winners can look after the losers."

Mr. Rae said he supports a Canada "that does not see itself as a junior partner in Ronald Reagan's economic constitution," and that the deal "gave away too much to get too little."

Mr. Crispo defended the policies in the Free Trade Agreement outlining countervailing and anti-dumping laws. He said the problem will be handled by a binational tribunal. Mr. Rae said the rules of the deal were "written by the boss," and in a dispute "American law will prevail."

While Mr. Crispo was certain that nothing could threaten the existing social programs entrenched in the Canadian system, Mr. Rae countered by saying the deal will "shackle future generations" on the limits of social care.

Moderator for the debate was Dan McLean, Channel 11 news broadcaster. The speakers fielded questions by George Szostak, Channel 11; Arthur Smith and Nicolas Baxter-Moore, both Brock professors.

In Flanders Fields still moving today

The immortal words of In Flanders Fields were penned by Colonel John McCrae, a surgeon with the First Canadian Field Artillery, on May 3, 1915, during the height of the First World War.

Mr. McCrae had just buried a close friend, killed during the Second battle of Ypres.

Amid the sounds of shells exploding and bursts of machine gun fire, Sergeant Major Cyril Allinson found Col. McCrae sitting on the step of an ambulance writing diligently on a pad of paper on his knee. When Col. McCrae was finished, he handed the pad to him and looked away "sullen and eerily silent." Sgt. Maj. Allinson was the first person to read In Flanders Fields.

This poignant and abiding eclogue has become one of the most memorable of all First World War poems. First published on Dec. 8, 1915, in Punch magazine, it has become part of the official Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Col. McCrae's poem is a heart-wrenching account of the scene that played before his eyes that day, and every day, during the war. In Flanders Fields symbolizes the courage and sacrifice of the men who have given themselves to the cause — whatever that may be — and come to the aid of their country.

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Sports

Bodybuilding comes naturally for competitor Vic Maturi

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

After last issue's female exposure, this bod's for you, ladies!!

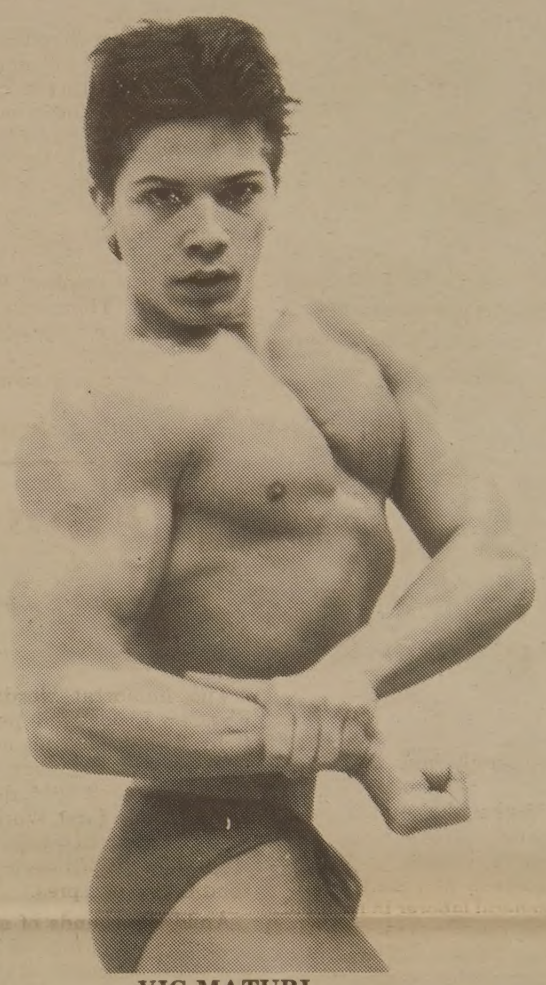
Vic Maturi, 19, has been body building for three years. A second-year Law and Security student, Vic believes in the principles of a natural build up of a healthy body... and he's certainly got his principles in the right places!

"I want to be the biggest natural body builder ever," Vic said of his main goal. His other goal is to become a customs officer.

He enjoys body-building competitions but has cut back from participating three or four times a year to annually because of strict diets geared to weight reduction of 20 or 25 pounds, so nothing but muscle remains.

Vic competes in American National Body Builder Conferences because of the natural approach, ie., no drugs. He placed second in the all-Pittsburgh competition and recently won the southern U.S.A. natural division. He would compete in the Ontario Body Builders Association except there is no mandatory steriod testing and Vic "just can't compete with them."

Natural methods may not produce the ultimate body but for Vic, it's the secure way to stay healthy and feel good about his lawful accomplishments.



VIC MATURI Photo by Gail Atkinson

Team finishes third

Niagara's nine-man volleyball team finished third in their first exhibition tournament on Nov.5, at Redeemer College in Ancaster.

Of the four colleges taking part, Mohawk was the overall winner, with second place going to Redeemer.

The Niagara Knights started out strong, winning the first match against Redeemer 15-5. But a break down in passing and communication resulted in Redeemer winning the next two games 15-11 and 15-10.

The Knights picked up momentum beating the Ontario Bible College two games straight, and then lost it to the Mohawk Mountaineers in the next match. The Mountaineers defeated the Knights 15-10 and 16-14.

However, Coach Ray Sarkis is optimistic and feels this year's team has a lot more experience than last year's.

"I think the team will do very well," said Mr. Sarkis. "We're going for first place."

The next tournament starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday Nov.19 in the gym. The Knights will take part in the round robin tournament with Cambrian, Canadore, Redeemer and Northern Colleges.

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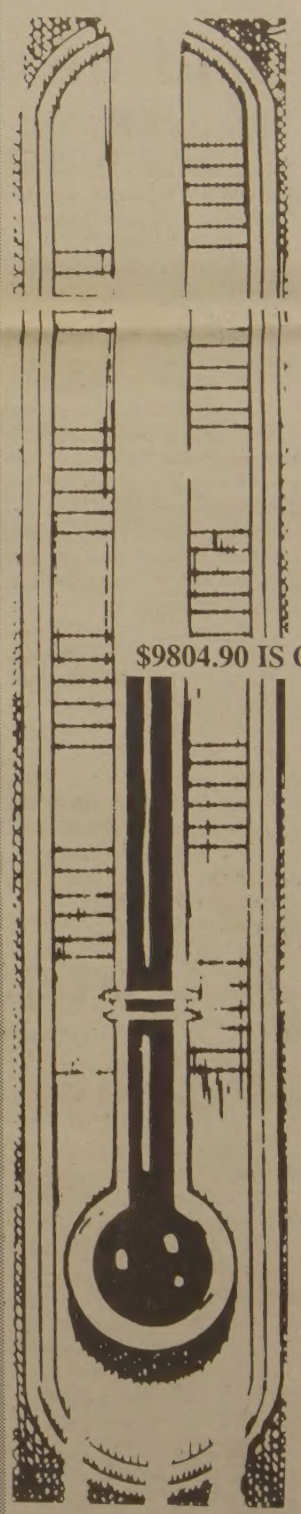

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Niagara

Hockey

Knights steal overtime victory from Conestoga Condors

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

The hockey Knights woke up just in time to defeat the Conestoga College Condors 4-3 in overtime Saturday night at the Welland arena.

The Knights fell asleep after taking an early 1-0 lead in the first period and were lullabied by Conestoga's tight checking, disciplined game plan until it was almost too late.

Trailing 3-2 in the third period, the Knights came alive and pressed the Condors until Dan Nadeau got the tying goal with the Niagara net empty and only :29 seconds left.

"We came out flat," Coach Fred Bassi said after the game. "We showed a lot of determination to come back and tie it like we did with 29 seconds (in regulation time) and then to win it in overtime."

GOT WINNER

The Knights dominated the overtime period and Chris Vandermeer got the game winner with 1:29 left. Chris took a pass from Dan Ruetz, swept by defenceman Terry Goldsworthy as if he were standing still, and fired a hard, low shot by Conestoga goalie Dave Jensen.

Just two weeks ago, Niagara beat Conestoga 10-1 and Condor coach Dan Young felt his team "put out a hell of an effort" Saturday night.

"We played a heck of a lot better," he said,"but, of course we're disappointed with the outcome."

The Knights' overtime momentum was interrupted momentarily by a curfew buzzer set off by the Welland arena maintenance crew. Mr. Bassi ran across the ice to give the crew a piece of his mind, and the situation quickly settled, the period continued with a faceoff at centre ice.

Entering the third period, Niagara trailed 2-1, but tied the game a minute and a half into the period on a goal by Mike Martineau from Jim Denardi. The Condors responded a scant 22 seconds later on a goal by Joe Hogan to set the stage for the Knights' furious rally.

FIRED WIDE

The last frantic 10 minutes of the third period were played in the Condors' end with the Knights unable to convert chance after chance, often firing wide.

During the period, one of the smallest players on the ice came to the defence of one of the largest when fireplug forward Stu Gallardi crosschecked a Conestoga player in the head after he stuck Jim Beattie with a high stick in front of the Niagara net.

Brian Collins played a good game in goal to solidify his hold as the backup to Jim Darling.

In the second period, the Condors' tight checking and slow pace slowed the Knights and Conestoga took a 2-1 lead on two goals less than a minute apart by Sean McQuigge and Jeff Coulter.

The Knights had a goal called back on a shot which definitely went into the net but the referee lost sight of the puck and whistled the play dead.

"If we had goal judges, it would have counted," Mr. Bassi said; however, he added that the cost is prohibitive.

Both teams started the game tentatively and Niagara took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Jamie MacCaskill when he pushed a rebound from a shot by James Ward past Conestoga goalie Dave Jensen.

Referee Kalvin Forreso whistled 11 penalties on the Knights and 8 penalties on the Condors.

Sports

Staff, perennial bridesmaids in Niagara College intramural touch football, came close but lost in the championship game. In the front row, left to right, are Peter Rylander, Jerry Salfi, Sam Di Martino, Tom Pagonis, and Nick Ciolfi. In the backrow, from left to right, are Rick Chandler, Brian Gree, Leo Tiberi, Al Vaughan, Duncan MacDuff. Absent is Ray Sarkis.

Students terminate staff

Youth and enthusiasm beat age and experience as Terminators defeated the Staff to win the 1988-89 Niagara College football championship Thursday Oct.27.

The Terminators won 12-0 on touchdowns by Stacy Northcotte and Kelly Singer.

Stacy's touchdown was set up by a brilliant interception of a Staff lateral by Darren Newbold who ran the ball back 70 yards before handing off to Stacy for the touchdown.

Staff was unable to generate any offence and the one drive they had ended in the lateral pass disaster.

"We're getting older but the kids remain 20-years-old year after year," Staff quarterback Peter Rylander said offering an excuse for the Staff's stunning defeat.

The Staff completed the regular season with an undefeated record rolling over their opponents in the Tuesday Division of the intramural league.

The Terminators were also undefeated winning the Thursday Division.

A last ditch effort by the staff to break the shutout died on the Terminators' two-yard line as the referee, classy Fred Bassi, blew the final whistle.

Cancels trip

The trip to the Buffalo Sabres vs Edmonton Oilers hockey game scheduled for Nov. 13 has been cancelled by the Student Administrative Council because too few students purchased tickets.

Student who have purchased tickets can get their money back at the SAC office.

First for alumni in college bonspiel

For the first time, Alumni will take part as a team in the Niagara College Curling Bonspiel.

About 100 invitations were mailed out to former Niagara College curlers inviting them to take part in the seventh annual bonspiel.

"I have kept names and old addresses," Bob Young, team manager said. He is looking forward to seeing familiar faces and new families of the curlers who accepted the invitations which were mailed out in August.

Alumni will make up two of the nine teams competing on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Welland Curling Club, 497 King St.

FIRST REUNION

This is the first time Mr. Young has organized a curling reunion of students he has coached.

"We are running this on the coatails of the bonspiel," Mr. Young said.

It will consist of three teams from Georgian College, three from Niagara, one from Mohawk College, and two alumni teams.

The spots in the bonspiel have been filled which worries Mr. Young.

"A lot of people have told me they are coming, but I haven't seen many cheques in the mail,"Mr. Young said.

If alumni who have not registered show up, Mr. Young will try to work them in and they are still "welcome to participate in the social events of the bonspiel"

The events include a euchre tournament, awards, lunch, and a dance.

Mr. Young has received calls from as far away as Newfoundland and Winnipeg about the bonspiel.

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